

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An assembly of a first length of seamless molded pipe axially joined to a second length of seamless molded pipe:

wherein said seamless molded pipe lengths each comprise a hollow inner tubular member, having a thickness, an a non-undulating inner surface and an outer surface, and a hollow outer tubular member, having a thickness, an inner surface and an outer surface, wherein said outer surface of said inner tubular member is radially spaced apart from said inner surface of said outer tubular member by a plurality of spaced apart rib members disposed in the hollow space between said inner tubular member and said outer tubular member in a supporting relationship to both said members;

wherein next adjacent rib members and their encompassed portions of said inner and/or outer tubular members make up substantially hollow cells;

wherein a portion of said first length of pipe, proximate to and including an end thereof, is compressed into a single tubular wall portion member having a thickness that is greater than the thickness of either said outer tubular member or said inner tubular member, respectively, and having one of an inside diameter that is greater than the inside diameter of the remainder of said first length of pipe or an outside diameter that is less than the outside diameter of the remainder of the first length of pipe;

wherein a portion of the second length of pipe, proximate to and including an end thereof, is compressed into a single tubular wall portion member having a thickness that is greater than the thickness of either said outer tubular member or said inner tubular member, respectively and having the other of an outside diameter that is less than the outside diameter of the remainder of said second length of pipe or an inside diameter that is greater than the inside diameter of the remainder of the second length of pipe;

wherein the outside diameter of the single tubular wall portion of one of the lengths of pipe is not larger than the inside diameter of the single tubular wall portion of the other length of pipe; and

wherein the respective bulk densities of said single tubular wall portions are greater than the respective bulk densities of the uncompressed portion of the first and second lengths of pipe.

2. (Currently amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least some of said rib members that are helically oriented and define a plurality of substantially hollow cells are helically oriented each of which is bounded by two adjacent rib members and a portion of at least one of said inner surface and said outer surface.

3. (Currently amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least some of said rib members are slantedly seamlessly joined to said inner and outer surfaces at an angle that is not normal to a tangent to said surfaces at the place where the rib members are joined to said surfaces.

4. (Currently amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein said single wall portion of said second length of pipe tubular member is inserted within said single wall portion of said first length of pipe tubular member.

5. (Currently amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 4 wherein the inside diameter of said single wall portion of said first length of pipe tubular member and the outside diameter of said single wall portion of said second length of pipe tubular member are substantially the same.

6. (Currently amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein said single tubular wall portion comprises a part of said inner tubular member of the same length as said single tubular wall portion, a portion of said rib members disposed in said portion, and a part of said outer tubular member of substantially the same length as said portion, and wherein said portions of said outer tubular member, said inner tubular member and said rib members portion are melted together to form said single tubular wall portion.

7. Cancelled

8. (Currently amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a gasket between at least a portion of proximate surfaces of said single tubular wall portions.

9. (Currently amended) A seamless length of pipe comprising an inner tubular member, a hollow outer tubular member radially spaced from said inner tubular member, and a plurality of spaced apart rib members disposed in the hollow space between and seamlessly joined in supporting relationship to said inner and outer tubular members;

wherein next adjacent rib members and portions of inner and outer tubular members intercepted thereby make up substantially hollow cells;

wherein an end of said pipe length and a portion of said pipe length proximate to said end consist of a single ~~compressed~~ wall member comprising, in compressed combination, the amount of said inner tubular member of said portion, the amount of said outer tubular member of said portion and the amount of rib members in said portion;

wherein said inner tubular member comprises a non-undulating, seamless inwardly directed surface; and of said portion, said outer tubular member of said portion and said rib members of said portion are compressed together to form said single wall member; and

wherein said compressed single wall member has a ~~bulk~~ density that is greater than the bulk density of an uncompressed portion of the length of pipe.

10. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 further comprising a single wall member at both ends of said pipe length.

11. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 wherein said single wall member has an outside diameter that is substantially the same as the outside diameter of the remainder of said pipe length.

12. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 wherein said single wall member has an inside diameter that is substantially the same as the inside diameter of the remainder of said pipe length.

13. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 10 wherein said single wall member at one end of said pipe length has an outside diameter that is substantially the same as the outside diameter of the remainder of said pipe length and the single

member at the other end of said pipe length has an inside diameter that is substantially the same as the inside diameter of the remainder of said pipe length.

14. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 10 wherein said single wall members at both ends of said pipe length have inside diameters that are substantially the same as the inside diameter of the remainder of said pipe length.

15. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 10 wherein said single wall members at both ends of said pipe length have outside diameters that are substantially the same as the outside diameter of the remainder of said pipe length.

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64. (Previously presented) A substantially rigid, seamless length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 configured as a helix about a longitudinal axis thereof.

65. (Currently amended) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 in the form of a monolith substantially rigid extrudate.

66. (Currently amended) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 that is substantially hollow in at least some of the areas bounded by said rib members and said inner and outer surfaces.

67. (Currently amended) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 65 comprising a unitary structure having no seams that has been formed by a molten plastic having been extruded longitudinally as a seamless, unitary structure and then solidified.

68. (Previously presented) An assembly of first and second lengths of pipe as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one of said pipe lengths is a solidified, substantially rigid, plastic extrudate configured as a helix about a longitudinal axis of said at least one pipe length.

69. (Currently amended) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 having been made by longitudinal extrusion of an extrudable plastic material into a unitary, seamless first configuration comprising plural, radially spaced apart tubular walls; and a plurality of rib members disposed between, and simultaneously seamlessly extruded and thereby joined to said radially spaced apart tubular walls followed by compression of an end portion of said first configuration to convert said spaced apart plural walls and said joined ribs into a second configuration comprising a portion that comprises single tubular wall without any seaming.